

Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2009
8:15 am
College of the Albemarle
Edenton Chowan Campus
****Room 418 Industrial Technology Building****
118 Blades Street
Edenton, NC

MINUTES

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners held a special Executive Session on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 8:15 am at the College of the Albemarle/ Edenton Chowan Campus, Room 418 of the Industrial Technology Building.

Present, Chairman Eddy Goodwin, Vice Chairman Emmett Winborne, Commissioner Jimmy Alligood, Commissioner Louis Belfield, Commissioner Kenny Goodwin, Commissioner Ralph Cole and Commissioner Keith Nixon and Attorney John Morrison

The executive session was held in accordance with NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (6) regarding a personnel matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

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Present, Chairman Eddy Goodwin, Vice Chairman Emmett Winborne, Commissioner Jimmy Alligood, Commissioner Louis Belfield, Commissioner Kenny Goodwin, Commissioner Ralph Cole and Commissioner Keith Nixon. Staff Present: County Manager Peter Rascoe, Finance Officer Lisa Jones and Clerk to the Board Susanne Stallings.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge he then offered the invocation.

COA staff and Board members then provided the Board and staff with a tour of the Edenton – Chowan Campus.

After the tour of the facility, the meeting was held in room 418 of the Industrial Technology Building.

Lynn Hurdle Winslow, Matt Wood, Lynne Bunch and Jim Turdici presented a PowerPoint on the facility needs and options for consolidation. A copy of the PowerPoint is in the meeting file labeled November 17, 2009.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin stated that he would like to see a budget analysis of the college that shows donations and state and federal grant monies.

Ms. Hurdle Winslow said she would provide the Board with this information. She explained the impact on programs at the campus with each option.

Commissioner Nixon asked how many full time employees would be lost with the largest impact scenario. He asked if the school has discussed sharing space with the Board of Education at the site.

Ms. Hurdle Winslow said yes but they are not in favor of sharing space.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked about the signage above the Alumni Association building. He said that members of the Association have requested more visible signage for their building.

Matt Wood said that he was not aware that the signage was an issue for the association, but the COA board would take care of it.

Mr. Rascoe noted that the schools have expressed concerns over the cost of moving cable from that site if their Technology space were lost.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for any public comment or questions.

Norman Brinkley said he was a member of the Alumni Association and he had concerns over the college taking their space. He stated the association has shared space with Elections and the Boys and Girls club. He stated that moving their heritage memorabilia for safe keeping was challenging.

Mr. Rascoe said that when the County signed the lease with the Alumni Association the association was given full usage of the building as long as they were a viable organization. He stated the County has always requested permission to use the building from the Association. He said that he and COA staff have met with the Association President, Mr. Douglas Stallings about the plans for the campus.

Douglas Stallings, President of the Alumni Association said he has talked with staff about use of the building. He said members of the association feel like the building is being given to COA and the building is being taken over. He said that the Association wants to work with COA and to get along during this process.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin said he felt that the discussions were productive and there would be more to come. He said that another meeting will be scheduled in the future to continue the discussions.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Edward C. Goodwin, Chairman

L. Susanne Stallings, Clerk